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Intended to help students learn that citizenship involves more than freedom and liberties, this book encourages students to participate in their schools and communities, to study the long tradition of citizen action in the United States, and to practice citizenship skills. Section 1 provides seven profiles of students who have worked to make positive change. Section 2 offers a history of five citizen movements: (1) civil rights; (2) labor; (3) women's rights; (4) consumer; and (5) environmental. These citizen movements show students how people have created change over the course of U.S. history. Section 3 presents 12 techniques for participation that citizens throughout U.S. history have used and continue to use to affect change. Section 4 describes 10 projects that students can undertake within the school or in the community to practice problem solving. In addition, 75 student activity ideas provide options for students to decide issues in their schools and communities they want to resolve. An extensive resource section list citizens groups, publications, teaching materials, and videos. (CK)

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